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St. Lucie County

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**A Monthly Update
of Current Events
and Happenings
within St. Lucie**

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Board of County Commissioners Special Meetings & Workshops Scheduled

- The Board of County Commissioners will hold an Art In Public Places Sculpture Dedication on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, at 10 a.m. at the Walton Road Annex in Port St. Lucie.
- The Board of County Commissioners will host a Ribbon Cutting for the Weldon B. Lewis Park on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at 2 p.m., located off of Oleander Avenue in Fort Pierce.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold an Economic Development Workshop on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, at 2 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, at 6 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The St. Lucie Cooperative Extension will hold a Spread the Shade Plant a Tree, Tree Give-A-Way on Saturday, October 28, 2006, from 8 a.m. until Noon at 1664 S.E. Walton Road in Port St. Lucie.
- Aviation Day will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2006, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the St. Lucie County International Airport.
- There will be no Board of County Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, due to the election.
- The Annual UDT Seal Muster will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2006, at 11 a.m. at the UDT Seal Museum on North Hutchinson Island, located at 3300 North A1A in Fort Pierce.
- The November 21, 2006, Board of County Commissioners Reorganization Meeting will be at 9 a.m.
- There will be NO Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, December 26, 2006, due to the County's observance of the Holiday.

Veteran Services

The St. Lucie County Veterans Services Office located at 250 N.W. Country Club Drive in the South County Courthouse Building 9St. Lucie West) moved. The new Veteran Services Office is located in the Walton Road County Annex Building located at 1664 S.E. Walton Road in Port St. Lucie. The new office gives the Veterans Services staff more space and is conveniently located a half a mile off of U.S. 1. The hours of operation for the Walton Road Annex Office are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pick up locations for van transportation to the VA Medical Center will remain the same. For more information, please call the Veterans Services staff at 772-871-5416.

SLCTV To Air Live Candidate Debate and Ballot Discussion

SLCTV (St. Lucie County's government access channel) will air a live broadcast of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters Candidate Forum and Ballot discussion on Wednesday, Oct. 18 starting at 5 p.m. The forum will be broadcast on SLCTV Channel 21 (Comcast Cable) as well as being streamed live on the internet at www.stlucieco.gov. The debate will be replayed on Mondays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 9 p.m. The Chamber's Leadership St. Lucie Alumni will be presenting pros and cons in a debate style for the state and local ballot issues that will be found on the November ballot. Beginning at 5 p.m., the Chamber will begin with ballot questions, followed by the League of Women Voters Candidates Forum at 6:30 p.m. The forum will take place in the County Commission Chambers in the County Administration Building, 2300 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce at 772-595-9999.

Special Needs Shelter

On November 8, 2005, the Board of County Commissioners accepted \$2.5 million from the State of Florida to help in the construction of a special-needs shelter. On October 10, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners accepted another \$1.8 million that was awarded from the State of Florida to help in the construction of the special-needs shelter. The new special-needs shelter/auditorium will be completed by May 2008. Construction on the project should begin in early 2007. The 60,000-square-foot two-story building will be at the Lawnwood Stadium Complex and will include a shelter that doubles as a gymnasium/auditorium, including a kitchen, laundry room, restrooms and showers and Parks and Recreation offices. The special-needs shelter/auditorium will be able to hold 750 people during a storm emergency or 2,000 for community events. The estimated cost of the special-needs shelter/auditorium is \$12.1 million dollars.

Upcoming Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center

St. Lucie Regional Herp Society ~ Wednesday, October 18 at 7 p.m. Guests are encouraged to attend this free event and learn more about snakes, lizards, frogs and other reptiles.

Guided Canoe/Kayak Tours ~ Saturday, October 21 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Paddlers will depart from White City Park on Midway Road and travel down to the Oxbow canoe dock and back to White City Park. The fee is \$10 per person. Children 5 - 7 are free. Reservations and prepayment is required. For more information, please call (772) 785-5842.

Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society ~ The Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society and the Oxbow will host a special CD release concert by critically acclaimed Christian Tamburr Quartet, a four-piece acoustic jazz group, Saturday, October 21 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$18 for non-members of the Jazz and Blues Society and \$15 for members. For more information about all Oxbow Eco-Center events call the staff at 772-785-5833 or visit www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow.

Upcoming Events at the Historical Museum

The St. Lucie County Historical Museum will host "Ghost in the Garden and Haunted History on Friday, October 27 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event will feature hay rides, ghost stories, a flashlight tour of the "Boosuem," Halloween games, crafts and tricks and treats. The St. Lucie County Museum is located at 414 Seaway Drive on Museum Pointe in Fort Pierce. For more information about all Historical Museum events, please call the staff at 772-462-1891.

Upcoming Events at the Savannas Recreation Area

The Savannas Recreation Area is presenting a Halloween events on Saturday, October 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Activities include a toy hunt in the hay stack, bounce house, pumpkin painting, hay rides, a haunted house, goodie bags, marshmallow roasting and campfire stories. Admission is \$2 per person. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Enrollment is limited, so please call ahead to register: 772-462-1792. The Savannas Recreation Area is located at 1400 Midway Road in Fort Pierce.

Morningside Library Events

Current Events Discussion Group ~ Every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Manga Youth Book Discussion Club ~ Every Monday from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday Musings Book Discussion ~ Every second Monday of the month at 3 p.m.

Tuesdays with Maureen Book Discussion ~ Every first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. All discussion groups are open for drop-ins. Call 337-5632 for more information.

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